IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFI Application of: Ruben et al. Application Number: 09/189,144 Group Art Unit: 1631 TECH CENTER 1500/2900) OCT 1 8 2000 Filed: November 10, 1998 Examiner: Brusca, J.

Attny. Docket No. PZ006P1

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Title: 32 Human Secreted Proteins

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2000 for four (4) months from June 18, 2000 to and including October 18, 2000. Applicants point out that a continuation of the aboveidentified application is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$1,390.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this submission, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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